THE ASSOCIATION, AGREEMENT, AND PROTESTATION OF THE *COVNTIES OF* CORNWALL, AND DEVON.

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The Articles of the Aſſociations, &c.

1 THat a Proteſtation be taken by all men within the two Counties, above the age of Sixteen yeers, and Subſcription thereunto, according to the form agreed on, before the Miniſter of the Pariſh, or ſome other perſon as ſhall be appointed in each Pariſh by the Juſtices of Peace of each County, or two of them. The ſame being firſt taken by all the Commiſſioners at this meeting; and all Perſons refuſing be forthwith certified to the Juſtices of the Peace; and be ſecured as Enemies to the Peace of the Kingdom. And this to be done with all ſpeed, and account given before the twentieth of *February*.

2 That his Highneſſe be moved, That there be two Commiſſioners of each County to take the Muſters of the Army, and that the Treaſurer give an account monethly to the Committees of each County, of his diſburſments.

3 That there be ſtrict continuall ſearch for all Souldiers, that have at any time been in Pay ſince theſe Wars, in every Pariſh; and that they be forthwith ſent to recruit the Army: and ſuch as ſhall refuſe, that they be ſent to the Provoſt-Marſhall-Generall. And that no Souldier depart from his Colours without licence, according to His Majeſties Proclamation and Articles; and Offenders to be proceeded with according to their merits; and that as many more be raiſed in each County, as may recruit the Companies; and that every Foot Company conſiſt of one Hundred; and every Troop of Horſe and Dragooners, of threeſcore. And if any Foot Company have leſſe then fifty, and of Horſe and Dragooners leſſe then thirty; then if ſuch Company be not recruited to theſe laſt numbers, or more, within a moneth after

the Muſter, the Officers pay to be detained: and after that, the Company paid and reduced; and the ſame rule to be held for Pioners, as for Foot Companies. And herein his *Highneſſe* directions are to be deſired, and that the Committees may be informed of the preſent number of the Army; and what the preſent weekly Charge of it cometh to.

4 That there be account taken of the Captains and other Officers, that have had any charge of Arms, how the ſame have been diſpoſed; and that by warrant from the Commiſſioners, there be a generall ſearch for Arms through both Counties. And that the Conſtables of each Pariſh repair to every houſe within the ſame, and take view of them; and give in their account to the high-Conſtables: who are to bring it to the Commiſſioners. That the weekly payments in both Counties, be raiſed with all diligence, and Arrears collected and accounted for, untill *Plymouth* be reduced. And that Committees be appointed in each County reſpectively, to take the accounts of all Receivers of the weekly payments: which are to be the ſame that take the Treaſurers accounts.

5 That the Commiſſioners of *Devon*, as hath been done in *Cornwall*, proceed againſt ſuch as have failed to attend the *Sheriffe* upon warrant for the *Poſſe Comitatûs*: and that the Fines may be imployed for the preſent ſupply of His Majeſties Army, with Arms, and Ammunition for a preſent Magazine of Arms, Ammunition, and Tooles, in each County: wherein His Majeſties Pleaſure is to be deſired.

6 That there be an humble Remonſtrance of the eſtate of both Counties to His Majeſty: and of the neceſſity, that all Moneys coming of Delinquents Eſtates, Fines, and Compoſitions, may be imployed to the uſe of the Army and Garriſons, and payment of the Debts contracted for His Majeſties Service, and by His former Proclamations to be ſecured: and that His Majeſties Commiſſions may authorize that diſpoſition, and that the Delinquents Eſtates in both Counties, be ſeized and diſpoſed of, by the Commiſſioners of each County,

County, to the ſame purpoſe reſpectively; and no Commanders of the Army intermeddle with it, without their Authority.

7 That no Sequeſtration be made after Compoſition made and paid, but by Order at the Generall Seſſions of the Peace, or other generall meeting of the Commiſſioners by common Conſent there: unleſſe for new offences.

8 That the Army be governed according to His Majeſties Articles, and that all Perſons of what condition ſoever, be held infamous and Enemies to the publique Peace, that ſhall raiſe, or cauſe any Mutinies, or diſobedience thereunto: and ſuffer all ſeverity, according to His Majeſties Articles.

9 That all ſuch Perſons as have been or ſhall be ſlain in the preſent War, or die in the ſervice, by whoſe life any other Perſon held any Lands or Rents; the party to whom the Right to grant ſuch Land or Rent belongeth unto, ſhall be bound to grant an Eſtate for a life, inſtead of the Perſon ſo killed or dying, under the Rents and Covenants as was formerly held, unto ſuch Perſon and Perſons, as was intitled to hold the ſame, and at his nomination. And the refuſers to loſe the double value of the Eſtate; one halfe to His Majeſty, the other to the Party: and to be impriſoned till payment.

10 That if either or both Counties of *Somerſet* and *Dorſet*, will enter into this Union and Aſſociation, they ſhall be received with all cheerfulneſſe.

11 That if any Miniſter ſhall refuſe, or wilfully neglect the ſolemn Celebration of the *Faſt* appointed by His Majeſty on the ſecond *Friday* of the Moneth, or ſhall not read the *Service* and *Prayers* appointed for that *Faſt*; and being called before a Juſtice of Peace, ſhall not promiſe and proteſt his future conformity, he be forthwith ſecured, and his Eſtate ſequeſtred. And the like courſe to be taken with ſuch Miniſters, as abſent themſelves that day: unleſſe upon ſickneſſe or other cauſe, allowed by two Commiſſioners, or Juſtices of Peace. And the like order to be taken with ſuch as ſhall not read ſuch

Books as ſhall be appointed to be read by His Majeſty. And the Conſtables and Church-wardens, are to certifie their defaults to the next Juſtices.

12 That His Majeſty be moved for a Confirmation of the preſent Union and Articles.

13 That there be provided a Thouſand Barrells of Powder, and ten Thouſand Fire-Arms at the charge of both Counties, whereof *Cornwall* to be a Fourth, and *Devon* three parts, according to the proportion of the grand Subſidie.

14 That the Army ſhall be recruited, and encreaſed to the number of Eighteen Thouſand Horſe and Foot: to be raiſed proportionably in both Counties.

15 That His Highneſſe be entreated that a Commiſſion be granted to authorize an impreſſe of Souldiers, for the preſent Service.

16 That on the firſt Wedneſday of the next Moneth, and every Moneth following, the Committee now appointed for *Cornwall*, which are Sir *Samuell Coſewarth*, *Richard Prideaux*, *Walter Langdon*, *Nevill Bligh*, and *Renatus Bellat*, Eſquires; and of *Devon*, *Arthur Baſſet* Eſquire, *William Tothill*, *John Mere*, *Gilbert Pard*, and *Thomas Mediford*, Eſquires, do meet firſt at *Exeter*, and continually afterwards where the *Corniſh* Committee appoint to take the monethly Accompts of the Receivers of the Weekly Rates, and Treaſurer of the Army, and what elſe concerns theſe Articles. And in caſe of impediment, the Commiſſioners of *Oier* and *Terminer* in each County reſpectively, name other Committees, or ſupply the place of any one himſelf.

17 That there be Copies of this Proteſtation delivered out by the Sheriffe, at the Seſſions of each County, to the Conſtables of each Hundred reſpectively, and that the ſaid Hundred Conſtables, do immediatly deliver out ſeverall Copies to all the Petty-Conſtables, which are by the Miniſter of every Pariſh Church, and Chappell, to be publiſhed the next Sunday following after the receipt: and then every

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man preſent to take the ſame, and ſubſcribe his name thereunto, before the ſaid Miniſter, Conſtable, or Church-wardens, or two of them: and ſuch of his Pariſh as ſhall not be preſent at the time, do take the ſame within ten daies following. And the Miniſters and Conſtables are to give in the Liſt or Certificate of their names that take it, and of them that are abſent or refuſe, to the Conſtables of the Hundred: who are to deliver the ſame to the Commiſſioners, at their next generall meeting after the Twentieth of *February* next.

Whereas a few Malevolent and Ambitious perſons, in the name of two Houſes of Parliament, have by Treaſonable practiſes imbroyled this Kingdom in a Civill Warre, purſued His Majeſties Perſon, murthered His good Subjects; ſome, barbarouſly by the common Hangman, againſt Law and Juſtice: others, by Hoſtile aſſaults: brought a generall devaſtation upon the whole Kingdom; taking away all liberty from the Members of both Houſes; by awing, terrifying, and aſſaulting them with Tumults and Armies; uſurping the Royall power, Counterfeiting a Great Seale: and to ſhew their horrid intentions againſt the King, Kingdom, and Government, finding their Acts not likely to protect them from the puniſhment due to their merits, have unnaturally invited and brought in the *Scots* to invade this Kingdom: and in theſe diſtractions, to make a totall conqueſt of this Nation. For reſiſtance whereof, and preſerving the Common-Peace, the inhabitants of *Cornwall* and *Devon* have united themſelves; and for continuance of which Union, this enſuing Proteſtation is to be taken.

The Proteſtation.

I A. B. *Do in the preſence of Almighty God, promiſe, vow, and proteſt, with my utmoſt power to maintain and defend the true Reformed Proteſtant Religion, eſtabliſhed by Law in this Kingdom, againſt all Popery, Popiſh, and other innovations of Sectaries and Schiſmaticks; as alſo His Majeſties Perſon and Rights, againſt all forces whatſoever; and in like manner, the Laws, Liberties, and Priviledges of Parliament, and of this Kingdom. And I ſhall, to the utmoſt*

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of my power, preserve and defend the Peace of the two Counties of Cornwall *and* Devon; *and all Persons that shall unite themselves by this our Protestation, in the due performance thereof. And to my power assist His Majesties Armies for reducing the Town of* Plymouth; *and resistance of all Forces of* Scots, *invaders, and others, levyed under pretence of any authority of two Houses of Parliament, or otherwise, without His Majesties personall consent.*

In regard of the restlesse endeavours of the Contrivers of the present distractions, who after the unnaturall divisions they have wrought, and move misery by calling in the *Scots*, to make the desolation of this Nation irrecoverable: and it being the duty of all good Subjects and lovers of their Country, in such times to unite themselves, that they may the better resist the disturbers of the publique Peace.

We of the Counties of *Cornwall* and *Devon*, (by reason of scituation and allyance of families, neerly concerned in each others condition) for the preservation of the Peace already obtained among us, and for a further increase and security of it; do associate and unite our selves (according to our duty to God, His Majesty, and our Countrey) for the common defence of these Counties, against all forces that oppose His Majesties Army, or Commissioners, authorized under His Great Seal of *England*: and against all Towns, Castles, and Forts, that shall resist His Majesties said Army or Commissioners.

And we do promise in the presence of Almighty God, that we will not break this union, nor desist from following all just, necessary, and Honourable wayes, to the utmost of our power, for perfecting and securing the said Peace, and the reducing all Places, Persons, Towns, Castles, and Forts, within the said Counties, to His Majesties obedience, and particularly the Town of *Plymouth*.

And in case either of the said Counties be invaded by Sea or Land, we do bind our selves, to mutuall defence of each other, against all persons raised without His Majesties personall consent: and to resist all such power, with all the strength each County can raise for the others defence.

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